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Dear Mr. Hagquist,

We left Hyattstown shortly after my speech at Minneapolis but your letter was forwarded.

I am glad to hear from you and of your willingness to help.

I do not know anyone in Palo Alto to whom I can refer you. Nor is there anyone in the immediate area with whom, at least for the moment, I should put you in touch. I will explain this. However, there are some things you can do for me there, if you are willing. In some cases I would want this to be confidential because it would be part of other work the nature and content of which I would not want to telegraph in advance of completion.

On mail: I do not use drops, I do not use envelopes without return addresses and I do not permit myself to be inhibited by the possibility of surveillance. It is crippling to do otherwise. I also use my phone almost completely without inhibition. The one restraint, generally, is cost. I'm too broke to afford long-distance calls but I get them and I say what I must.

Perhaps the simplest way of explaining reasons and reasoning that are more complex is this: those who would eavesdrop know all there is to know. The most that can be learned is what I know and what I am working on. If this does become known at the cost of learning and doing, it is better for it to become known than not to learn and do.

Meanwhile, since 1967, I have taken initiatives which do tell the government what I know, what I want to know and that I am determined. I sue it regularly for suppressed evidence. I have cases right now from district to the Supreme Court and others coming.

So, use the mail and in such a way that at the least I will understand it.

By the way, when I left Minneapolis, my baggage was intercepted and a brand new tape recorder and typewriter were both ruined. But that did not stop me from flying and carrying both. Then, before and since I always had the important things in my possession. I lost nothing except the cost of these things and a little inconvenience.

There is an archive at Palo Alto in which you can do some research for me if you are willing. It will require making notes and getting xeroxes if what I seek is there.

Please put your return address on envelopes. First of all, so you won't be intimidating yourself and secondly in the event the letter goes astray, so it can be returned.

Thanks for the offers.

Sincerely,